

**St. Charles Village Council  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
May 11, 2016**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Pro-Tem Roe with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: McPhail, Neumann, Roe, Theile, Dennis, and White.

Other present: Matt Lane, Deanna Koehler, Barry Dobis, Patrick Mishler, Steve Powlus, Diana Kutz, Ken Kutz, Dr. Kathy Kline, Dr. Joseph Kline, Charles Bussinger, Rick Beeler, Stefan Beeler, Deward Beeler, Jim Palmer, Marylou McPhail, Mandee Hecht, Christy Crawford, Staff Sgt. Kuhn, Sgt. Drake, and others.

Dr. Joseph Kline inquired about planting a flowering vine on the bicycle sculpture by his building on East Water Street. Council advised he can attempt to sculpt the vine on the bicycle.

Marylou McPhail addressed the council in support of a chicken ordinance. She indicated that she will continue to actively pursue an ordinance to allow chickens within the Village.

Christy Crawford also supports allowing chickens within the Village.

Rick Beeler presented the Tri-Township Fire Report and invited council to the Order of Eastern Stars Pancake Breakfast to be held on May 21<sup>st</sup> and will benefit Tri-Township.

Jim Palmer updated on the Area Museum. The WWI display is still in the works and things are progressing at the museum.

Motion by Neumann, second by Theile to accept the April 13, 2016 Village Council Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Commission and Committee Reports from the Planning Commission April 28, DDA May 6, and the Farmers' Market Committee April 14 and April 21 were accepted and filed.

Communications included a letter from the City of Saginaw with the proposed water rate increase, the Michigan Trails Magazine, and Manager Evaluation sheets for the June meeting.

Motion by Dennis, second by McPhail to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$91,675.85. Motion carried.

Motion by McPhail, second by Neumann to appoint Marie Roe into the vacated Village President position. Roll call vote: McPhail, yes; Neumann, yes; Theile, yes; Dennis, yes; White, yes; and Roe, yes. Motion carried.

Candidates for the vacated trustee position gave the council an introduction and voiced their interest in being appointed to the council. Candidates included Diana Kutz, Steve Powlus, and Stefan Beeler.

Motion by Neumann, second by Dennis to appoint Diana Kutz to the vacant Village Council Trustee position. Roll call vote: McPhail, no; Neumann, yes; Roe, yes; Theile, yes; Dennis, yes; White, no. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by Theile to reappoint Phyllis Hoseit to the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Motion by Neumann, second by White to upgrade the Consumer's street lighting to LED lights and adjust the budget to allow for the approximate \$80,000 cost from the General Fund. Motion carried.

Motion by White, second by McPhail to adopt Resolution #16-4 180-day Moratorium on Medical Marijuana. Motion carried.

Motion by Theile, second by White to accept the DDA purchase of a new LED digital sign for downtown in the amount of \$11,400 and adjust the DDA Budget accordingly. Motion carried.

Dr. Joseph Kline updated the council on the regulations for keeping fowl in the observatory at Waterfowl Park and the options for compliance. The Village can release the fowl, update the facility using potable water and getting the proper permits, or expand to allow for more exotic birds also with proper permitting.

Motion by McPhail, second by Dennis to release the fowl at Waterfowl Park and reconfigure the area with more traditional park equipment. Motion carried.

Motion by McPhail, second by Theile to adopt the updated Council Rules as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by White, second by Dennis to adopt the revised Mission and Vision Statements from the Strategic Planning Session as presented. Motion carried.

There was considerable discussion on allowing chickens within the Village. Jim McPhail voiced his concerns over whether or not the Planning Commission had fulfilled their responsibility to the Council by recommending that the Council not do an ordinance allowing chickens within the Village. Diana Kutz, as Chairman of the Planning Committee addressed his concerns and explained the procedure for referring an ordinance to the Planning Committee, and that the Planning Committee would not revise or make recommendations to an ordinance until the Council had committed to adopting an ordinance allowing farm animals within the Village.

Motion by Neumann, second by Theile to accept the recommendation of the Planning Committee to not adopt an ordinance allowing fowl within the Village limits. Roll call vote: McPhail, no; Neumann, yes; Roe, yes; Theile, yes; Dennis, yes; White, no. Motion carried.

Department reports from the DPW, Police, and Building Inspector were accepted and filed.

Ken Kutz addressed the council saying the Planning Commission procedure was correct. He also indicated that he has a home with an acre and a rental home with 5.5 acres and it is discriminatory to tell his renters they cannot have farm animals if the Village were to allow it.

Tom White thanked Dr. Kline for his help and expertise on bringing the Village into compliance with the water fowl at the park. He also introduced Staff Sgt. Kuhn and Sgt. Drake from the Army Recruitment Services and updated the Council on the Armed Forces Day Parade. Sgt. Drake has procured an Army Humvee to be included in the parade to be held on May 30 at 9:00 am.

Dr. Klein addressed the Council by explaining facts regarding chickens. He advised that hormones, antibiotics or steroids are absolutely not allowed in the chicken or eggs that are consumed as food, that most lots inside the Village have plenty of room to allow for chickens as there is a regulation requiring them to have enough room to be able to spread their wings, and that the menarche around the world has been lowering due to physical evolution and better diet and not chemicals located in food.

The Council thanked Stefan Beeler for his interest in obtaining a Council position and becoming active in the service of his community and suggested he apply for openings on the Parks and Recreation Committee, the Planning Commission, or run for Village Council in the November General Election.

Motion by Neumann, second by Theile to adjourn at 9:51 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna L. Koehler, Village Clerk